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W. F. CLEVELAND,
P. G. COMMANDER, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IOWA.

WILLIAM FISKE CLEVELAND.

PAST GRAND COMMANDER.

BY SIR W. C. CAMPBELL.

William Fiske Cleveland was born at Waterville, Oneina county, N. Y., August 30, 1844, and is the youngest of four children born to Dr. George Washington and Almira (Barrett) Cleveland.

He graduated in 1861 from the Waterville seminary, and immediately after entered upon the study of medicine (at his father's desire), but after a few months of application, from a natural disinclination to the profession, he gave up the work and entered a retail dry goods house of his native town, where he remained four years.

Prompted by that natural desire to see a little more of the world than was to be found within the limits of his boyhood sphere, he removed to Louisville, Ky., and then to Nashville, Tenn., where he remained two years in the employment of a large hat, cap and fur establishment. In the spring of 1867 he embarked in the business of a clothing merchant in New Orleans, La., and remained there until 1876. The year following was spent in the service of the government in Wyoming.

In the autumn of 1877 he became a resident of Shelby county, Iowa, and in the spring of the following year established a general mercantile store at Shelby, where he remained until his election to the office of county treasurer in 1885. He was re-elected to the place in 1887, and in 1889 was elected state senator from the Shelby-Cass district. His term expired January, 1894.

On October 2, 1871, he was married in the city of Dubuque to Miss Kate L. Collins, daughter of E. A. and Annie (Purheiser) Collins. Two children blessed the union, William John and Anna Centennial. The former died in New Orleans, March 11, 1876. Mrs. Cleveland died of consumption at Persia, Iowa, August 24, 1885. The remains of both rest in the Shelby cemetery.

In February, 1893, he was married in the city of Omaha to Mrs. Luella Pratt, of Harlan, Iowa. Their happy home is blessed by the presence of their bright little two-year-old daughter Dorothy.

The Masonic career of Sir Knight Cleveland begins with his majority. A month after he was of age he petitioned for admission within the portals of Sanger Lodge No. 129, of Waterville, New York, was duly elected, and so fortunate as to receive the first three degrees of Masonry from the hands of his father, who was Worshipful Master of the Lodge at the time.

In 1867 he received the degrees of Capitular Masonry at Nashville, Tenn, and served as Junior Warden of Phœnix Lodge during the latter part of his stay there.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Indivisible Friend's Commandery No. 3, New Orleans, La. During the last year of his residence in that city he was Worshipful Master of Quitman Lodge No. 76, and Captain-General of his Commandery.

His active connection with Templar Masonry in Iowa began with the institution of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 49, at Harlan, of which he was the first Eminent Commander, and the founder, if such a term may be used in speaking of one to whom we are indebted for its existence. He was elected Grand Junior Warden at Cedar Rapids in 1888, and as such served as Inspection Officer of the Seventh district of Subordinate Commanderies, as provided for by resolution of the Grand Commandery. At the annual Grand Conclave in 1889, at Davenport, he was elected Grand Captain-General. This preferment was followed by his selection as Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander at Spirit Lake in 1890, and the chief honors were bestowed upon him at the succeeding Conclave held in 1891, at the same place.

As High Priest of Olivet Chapter No. 107, R. A. M., he shows that zeal and untiring energy that has animated him in his daily walks of life.

He was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter at Sioux City in 1894, and was almost unanimously elected as Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter at its recent convocation at Dubuque, Iowa. Sir Knight Cleveland is also an honored member of El Kahir Temple, N. M. S., created in true Arabic Fashion October 18, 1888.

Templar honors have fallen on him thick and fast, yet they have not been undeserved. No frater who has the pleasure of his acquaintance can fail to have noted the Masonic zeal, the Knightly courtesy and the hearty cordiality which have been at all times an evidence of his association with us. May he long be spared to instil in his brethren that untiring energy and fraternal good fellowship which are so much a part of his daily life.

Referring to his labors as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Iowa Templars during the important triennial year just closed, it can be loyally said of him, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

THEODORE SCHREINER.

BY W. I. BABB, P. G. C.

Theodore Schreiner, better known as "Father" Schreiner, is, with one exception, the best known Mason in Iowa, and venerated and loved by all who know him. For thirty-six consecutive years he has been Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, having been first appointed to that important post in 1859, and reappointed every year since that time. He has been Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Iowa for thirty-two consecutive years, and Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of the state since its organization, 1864. He has also been Grand Sentinel of the Eastern Star since its organization. All of these responsible positions have been filled with unusual fidelity and care. No Cerneau or eavesdropper ever dare approach the door guarded by the watchful eye of Father Schreiner. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of Kaaba Temple.

A few facts connected with the life of this good old man may be of interest to others. He was born in Bavaria, near the historic city of Worms, June 18, 1811, and is, therefore, now over 84 years of age. His father was a popular minister in the Lutheran Evangelical Church, but died when Theodore was only 7 years of age. Father Schreiner received a fair academic education in the village where he lived. When quite young he was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker, and learned that trade, and then started out to see more of the world and traveled over a large part of Europe, and found himself in Paris in 1830, where he enrolled for a short time in the National Guard. He next appeared as a soldier for freedom in the Polish war. After this he returned to Germany when the revolutionary spirit was at its height, and enlisted against the government, and, with a number of others, was arrested on the charge of treason, but was afterwards released through the influence of old friends of his father. The overthrow of republican principles in the fatherland was succeeded by an exodus of German patriots to America. In 1833, in company with about two hundred patriots from his native town, he came to this country, and with about seventy-five others settled near Marietta, Ohio.

Father Schreiner was the recognized leader of this colony, and they were soon joined by many others. Those colonists were a people of deep religious convictions, but had no ordained minister with them. They organized a society of the Lutheran Evangelical Church and selected Father Shreiner as their pastor. He was ordained soon after and served this people as their

pastor for twenty years and wielded a powerful influence throughout that section of the country for good.

In 1855 he removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he became a contractor and builder for a time, and then engaged in the manufacture of sash and blinds, in which he continued until 1876. Since that time he has not been engaged in any active business.

He was married January 11, 1835, to Miss Anna Maria Tuttle, in Worthington county, Ohio. For sixty years he and his good wife have exemplified to the world that marriage is not a failure. They have had six children born to them—five sons and one daughter—all of whom are still living, except one son, who died in Andersonville prison in 1862, and the daughter, who died in 1859.

He was made a Master Mason in 1856; became a Royal Arch Mason in 1857, and received the orders of Christian Knighthood in 1864. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, a 32d degree.

Most men have to wait until after death before their good deeds are fully recognized by their fellows, but not so with Father Schreiner. His worth and goodness of heart are not only recognized by all who know him, but he has on many occasions received valuable testimonials and gifts which testify to it. This was notably so on January 11, 1885, when he and Mrs. Schreiner celebrated their golden wedding, on which occasion the large Masonic hall at Mt. Pleasant was crowded with their friends from all parts of the state.

While never a politician, he was appointed door-keeper of the State Senate in 1876 and continued in that position for twelve years.

Father Schreiner is a Mason in the highest sense of the term. His acts of kindness and charity to others are a part of his life, and the world is much brighter and happier for his having lived. As he faces the setting sun and moves slowly down the hill of life, he carries with him the love and prayers of all Iowa Masons.

CHARLES L. FIELD.

BY THE EDITOR.

Our readers will remember that last month we published the portrait of our Imperial Potentate, the above named gentleman, but were unable to give the sketch which accompanies this item because of the shortness of time before going to press.

Charles L. Field was born in Danville, Maine, September 2, 1845, and on his fiftieth birthday he was honored with practically a unanimous election as Imperial Potentate of the Order of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

He served in the late war, having enlisted as a private in the Twenty-third Maine regiment September 2, 1862, and was mustered out of service September 2, 1865, having attained the rank of Lieutenant in the Thirtieth Maine regiment. He was thrice Illustrious Master of California Council No. 2, R. & S. M., in 1883, 1884 and 1885. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council of the same order in California for two terms, 1886, 1887. He held the responsible position of Eminent Commander of Golden Gate Commandery No. 16, K. T., in 1893, and, as before stated, he has been honored in the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine as Imperial Deputy Potentate, and now as Imperial Potentate.

Noble Field is a gentleman of rare social and fraternal qualities, and a man whom his peers respect and delight to honor.

JAMES WOODBURY HAMILTON.

Perhaps no greater surprise has come to the large circle of Brothers of the Mystic Tie in Iowa in years than the announcement that Sir James W. Hamilton had died. We all knew him as the least likely to need the care of a physician, and his very face was a prophesy of long life. But alas, he is no more. Cut down in the vigor of his manhood, we all mourn for him and our sincere pity goes out to his sorrowing family and friends.

James W. Hamilton was born near Geneseo, Ill., April 11, 1859. He was married June 8, 1881. Died at Coggon, Iowa, October 18, 1895. His funeral was held Sunday afternoon in Cedar Rapids, from the home of his brother, John T., and was conducted by Apollo Commandery No. 26, K. T., the writer, as Grand Prelate, officiating by request of the deceased. Brother Hamilton was connected with the various Masonic bodies, and was also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in El Kahir Temple.

Sleep thy last sleep,
Free from care and sorrow;
Rest, where none weep
Till the eternal morrow.

W. C. WARRINER.

From the Davenport *Democrat* of October 9, we clip the following:

W. C. Warriner, one of the old and well known residents and business men of this city, died at his home, 706 Brady street, after a brief illness, at half past one o'clock this morning.

Mr. Warriner was born September 10, 1833, at Wilbraham, Mass.

Mr. Warriner's record as a Mason was one of the best in the state. He was a member of Trinity Lodge 208, A. F. & A. M., of Davenport Chapter 16, R. A. M., and a charter member of St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery, Knights Templars, and for many years its treasurer. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Fraternities, and a wearer of the 32d degree in them.

His surviving family consists of his wife who is deeply bowed with the suddenness of the grief that has come upon her, and three children: Mrs. W. S. Morse, of New York City, and two sons, Will, in Chicago, and Charles, in St. Louis.

SUNSHINE.

Oh, for sunshine! We should carry the sunshine with us at all times. Surely there are enough gloomy days in life without hunting for the dark and shadowy places. The storms beat fiercely, and adverse winds blow gusts of wearying rain drops into our faces, but even while the soul is overwhelmed in the gloom of misfortunes there comes a single ray through a rift in the clouds, and we know that

"Behind a frowning providence,
God hides a smiling face"

To-day the clouds obscure the sun, but to-morrow will be bright. Then let us take courage. Catch the sunshine and keep it in the soul ready for use at any moment. Be bright and cheerful, for there is joy in brightness, and health in cheerfulness. A smile attracts a friendly return, while a frown repels even an angel's approach. Be careful not to wound those you love, for love once wounded is never the same. No matter how many smiles you may give, no matter by what tender caresses you may strive to heal the wounded heart, there will always remain a scar. Oh, the tears that thoughtless, careless, really unintentional words have made! Let no angry passion cast a shadow over a heart that beats in unison with yours. Let the harmony of love fill the soul, and then will the sunshine of heaven beam brightly, even amid the trials and temptations that becloud our lives. No matter how dark your way may be, there are those whose shadows are denser than yours. Let the sunshine of your nature shine over the way into your neighbor's garden.

Let no man be discouraged because of opposition or of persecution. Nobody throws stones at a dead dog, or passes resolutions against the silence of a graveyard. It is the noisy wheel of industry, and the active force of aggressive labor that causes men to complain. The man of energy and push, of power and ceaseless activity, is the one who is envied and maligned by little

souls. It is the man who, by his determination to succeed, gets ahead of the laggards at his side, who meets with opposition. It is the man who crowds some lazy man on the road who is persecuted and consigned to perdition. Push and energy always get to the front, but not without difficulty.—*Wm. J. Duncan.*

WHERE'S THAT SOCIETY?

MASONIC SIDE DEGREES.

The side degrees in Masonry are exceedingly numerous, and the investigations of Masonic archæologists are continually bringing fresh degrees to light. At the present time Craft Masonry is so admirably governed by its several bodies in various countries that there is no difficulty in the proposition and initiation of a worthy member of society; but in regard to the side degrees it is somewhat different. Up to the present time, these degrees have been conferred by the individuals previously acquainted with them, at their own will, and without reference to any supreme controlling or guiding power; consequently, it is not improbable that many persons, quite unfitted to understand their symbolical meaning, may have received them. To obviate this in the future, and also in the interests of Masonic archæology, it has been proposed to found a Society or Council of Side Degrees, in which these stray ceremonials may be carefully formulated into a system, not necessarily correlative as in a rite, but rather for the purpose of preserving whatever may be of good from the vicissitudes of time, or the carelessness which often accompanies matters of this kind. It is to be hoped that such a movement, by preserving many curious rituals, and otherwise raising an interest in real Masonic history, may effect actual good; and as it cannot in any way interfere with Craft Masonry, and does not set itself in any antagonism to present institutions, it is thought to have in itself a sufficient reason for existence.—*Notes and Queries.*

MEXICAN MASONRY.

Since the general information in regard to the making of Women Masons in our neighboring republic, given out after the visit of the venerable doctor Parvin, it is announced that the Grand Dieta has revoked the charters, and now repudiates the Sisters who were once recognized as Master Masons. Perhaps in due time they will find consolation in the beautiful adoptive Rite of the Order of the Eastern Star, whose ritual is, for its purposes, no less beautiful and just as effective in its field. Now, that the Mexicans have recanted, let the doors be opened and let the brotherhood universal extend its benificent hand even unto the South gate.

MYRLE MORGAN.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Morgan was saddened by the death, Sunday afternoon, October 20, 1895, at 3 o'clock, of their little daughter, Myrle, caused by the dreaded disease dyphtheria, at the age of six years and seven months. The little one was only sick about eight days, and her death was a sad surprise to many. She had been suffering with partial paralysis on one side, but had greatly improved under treatment during the summer.

AN AGED MASON DIES.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 21, 1895.—Frederick L. Billon, who has resided here longer than any other inhabitant, is dead, aged 95. He was born in Philadelphia, April 23, 1801, and was the oldest Mason in the west. In 1851-52 he was City Comptroller, and in 1856 he was appointed the first auditor of the Missouri Pacific Railway, and two years later he became secretary and treasurer of that company. Since 1863 he has been living in retirement.

A lodge of Chinese Masons was recently instituted in Huston, Texas, the degrees were conferred upon about one hundred and fifty of the celestials. It took all night.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Willis S. Gardner.....Senior Grand Warden
Clinton.
W. L. Ehlers.....Junior Grand Warden
Correctionville.
H. T. Blackburn.....Grand Treasurer
Des Moines.
T. S. Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman.....Deputy Grand Master
Sheldon.
N. R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Jas Edmundson.....Grand Chaplain
Marshalltown.
O. P. Worsley.....Senior Grand Deacon
Red Oak.
J. H. Cable.....Junior Grand Deacon
Danville.
G. W. Lipe.....Senior Grand Steward
Council Bluffs.
J. H. Valentine.....Junior Grand Steward
Mason City.
O. W. Treman.....Grand Marshall
Newton.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt Pleasant.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T. Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

GRAND MASTER'S LETTERS.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF IOWA.

Iowa City, Iowa, October 10, 1895.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all the Lodges of A. F. & A. M. in the State of Iowa:

Brethren:—In thus addressing you for the first time since my election to the office of Grand Master, I extend to you a sincere fraternal greeting. Those of you who attended the last session of the Grand Lodge are well aware that peace and harmony prevailed among the brethren there assembled, and that in all their actions they were guided by an earnest desire to promote the interests of Masonry. I am glad to assure you that from all the reports that have come to me since the close of the Grand Lodge the same good will and desire to advance the interests of the order prevails among the craft of the entire jurisdiction. I congratulate you upon this favorable state of affairs, and trust that the prosperous condition of our order may strengthen the fraternal ties existing among us and stimulate us to renewed exertion in the discharge of the sacred duties resting upon us.

I call your attention to the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, found on pages 365-367, Proceedings 1895, and suggest that this report be read in full at the next regular meeting of each Lodge, and that after it is read the brethren discuss the methods there suggested for awakening and keeping up interest in the Lodges. I would urge upon you the importance of the suggestions made by the committee, and recommend that they be adopted and observed as far as possible by all the Lodges.

It has been rumored that keys, ciphers and printed books have been used by some officers in conferring degrees. Such action is a Masonic offense and will not be permitted. The law on this subject will be rigidly enforced, but I am sure that it is only necessary to call attention to it to insure its observance.

I have received a great many inquiries as to what the law is on various subjects. I have answered all such inquiries as promptly as possible, and shall continue to do so in the future. The greater part of the questions involved are of no interest except to the Lodge and parties specially interested. A few of them, however, are upon matters of general interest and for your information and guidance, should similar questions arise during the year, I append them hereto.

In addressing me always give the name and number of your Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. W. Ball,
Grand Master.

DECISIONS.

1—Degrees may be conferred at regular or special meetings, and examinations for advancement may be at either.

2—A member of a Lodge may visit a Lodge other than his own, unless the W. M. of such other Lodge objects. It is wholly in his discretion.—*Code, Sec. 97.*

3—When the accused pleads guilty, punishment must be determined at same meeting of Lodge. No visitor can be present while such punishment is under consideration.

4—That Lodge has jurisdiction over a profane, which is nearest, measuring in a straight line from the *Lodge building* to the *residence* of candidate. (This rule does not apply in cities and towns having two or more Lodges.)

5—Lodge Hall, if dedicated, can not be rented to, or used by, any other than a Masonic body.

6—The Grand Master has no power to prevent blackballing a worthy candidate, nor to prevent objections being made to his advancement.

7—Examination as to proficiency must be made in the Lodge conferring the degree. It cannot be made in another Lodge, and the result be certified to the Lodge conferring the degree.

8—A man whose feet are turned inward in such a manner that he cannot take the steps is not eligible to receive the degrees.

9—A dimitted Mason may petition any Lodge for affiliation. He is not limited to the nearest Lodge. It requires a two-thirds vote to elect him to membership, and if not elected the Grand Master cannot afford him any relief; nor can he visit a Lodge while he holds his dimit.

10—A Masonic Lodge cannot join with a Lodge of Odd Fellows in holding a public memorial service and decorating the graves of deceased brethren.

IOWA CITY, IOWA, October 22, 1895.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I have issued dispensations to new Lodges as follows:

July 4, 1895—Belmond Lodge, at Hillsboro, Henry county. T. B. Whitaker, W. M.; Bert Tateman, S. W.; David Wood, J. W., and thirteen others.

July 4, 1895—Kossuth Lodge, Burt, Kossuth county. F. E. Allen, W. M.; L. H. McChesney, S. W.; O. P. McDonald, J. W., and twelve others.

July 17, 1895—Windsor Lodge, Hawkeye, Fayette county. P. R. Ketcham, W. M., and fourteen others.

August 8, 1895.—Live Oak Lodge at Charter Oak, Crawford county. F. P. Guild, W. M., and fourteen others.

September 17, 1895—New Lodge at Modale, Harrison county. R. H. Rhoden, W. M., and fourteen others.

Yours fraternally,
GEO. W. BALL,
Grand Master.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, November 4, 1895.

Dear Brother Geiger:

I returned this morning at 12:30 o'clock from a trip to Lynnville and Grinnell, and am fixing up matters so as to start for Fonda to-morrow forenoon. Have visited Ossian, Elkader, Hawkeye, Lynnville and Grinnell since I last wrote you. Have not laid out any routes for January and February as yet, deeming it best to postpone making routes for those months, as other calls might come in. My list now made is as follows: Fonda, November 5 and 6; Sheldon, November 7, 8 and 9; Akron, November 11 and 12; Ocheydan, November 13 and 14; Hedrick, November 25 and 26; Prairie City, November 27 and 28; Van Meter, November 29 and 30; Thayer, December 2 and 3; Shenandoah, December 4, 5 and 6. Other calls received, but routes not yet laid out, are Logan, Ames, Hawarden, Laurens, Alton, Calona and Barnes. Some little trouble occurs as to attendance on account of the political gatherings preceding our November elections, but this connot be avoided. I am pleased to report a goodly degree of interest shown, notwithstanding the difficulties referred to above.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

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ILLINOIS.

We owe to R. W. Brother J. H. C. Dill our thanks for the official proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1895, held in Chicago October 1, 2 and 3, 1895. A beautiful half tone portrait graces the front page of the pamphlet—it is the portrait of Past Grand Master L. A. Goddard.

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.

TOLEDO, Oct. 28, 1895.—Dr. B. J. Louthan, a resident for forty years of Tama county, was buried here to-day. He was 79 years of age. Funeral services were from the home, and were conducted by Toledo Lodge 118, A. F. & A. M., of which he was a charter member.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Nebraska, Omaha, Dec. 11, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

L. T. WELD.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Nevada.
Max. Beehler.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Manchester.
W. D. Irvine.....Grand King
Sioux City.
W. F. Cleveland.....Grand Scribe
Harlan.
R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER.....Grand Chaplain
Marion.
H. H. Barnard.....Grand Captain of the Host
Elkader.
R. J. Crouch.....Grand Principal Sojourner
DeWitt.
W. W. Montgomery.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Red Oak.
F. M. Thompson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Rock River.
F. M. Dance.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Missouri Valley.
N. T. Hendrix.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Columbus Junction.
Theo. Schreiner.....Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

GRAND CHAPTER.

SCHOOL WORK.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Iowa held its Forty-second Annual Convocation in the hospitable old city of Dubuque this year. Everything that could be expected, and more, was done by the entertainers of Dubuque Chapter No. 3.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 15 and 16, 1895, the work of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees was exemplified fully by the Custodians and Grand Officers. Attendance upon this school is rarely profitable and interesting for all who want to know the work.

THE GRAND CONVOCATION

was opened on Thursday morning, October 17th, at 10 o'clock, in ample form, by the Grand High Priest M. E., Amos N. Alberson, assisted by his Grand Officers. The

convocations were held in the spacious hall of the Dubuque Masonic bodies on Main street. All the Grand Officers except Charles H. Wilder, G. C. H., were present. A touching letter was read from Companion Wilder, regretting his absence, and announcing his removal from the jurisdiction.

Companion B. F. Parker was appointed to fill the place *pro tem*, and he showed himself fully capable of the task.

OUR WELCOME.

J. R. Lindsay, of Dubuque delivered an address of welcome in well-chosen words. After giving us all the full freedom of the city he quoted some lines from Burns and announced that ours was to be a "Highland welcome" to the State of Dubuque. P. G. H. P. Hon. A. R. Dewey responded in his usual happy and eloquent style, dwelling particularly and strongly upon the kind of welcome that is characteristic of Dubuque.

THE DUBUQUE BADGE.

A beautiful badge of crimson and gold was presented to each visiting Companion. If was supported by a triangle and golden key. On each angle of the triangle were the words "Welcome," and on the key these words: "Key City," indicative that we were thrice welcome to the Key City of Iowa.

THE BUSINESS.

The Grand High Priest read his annual address. It was a well-prepared resume of the past year, and covered every item of any importance. None of our Grand Officers have died this year. The dead of neighboring jurisdictions were noticed. The change of the time of the Grand Convocation was fully explained. Fourteen dispensations were granted to ballot out of time, and others to elect and install officers. For new Chapters dispensations were granted at Creston, Mt. Vernon and Eagle Grove. These were all chartered later in the session. A number of official visits were paid, and it was observed that ritual and work are improving rapidly. An increased interest is being taken in the Cryptic degrees, the credit was given to the legislation on and the proposed distribution of the Cryptic ritual, together with the able exemplification given by the custodians a year ago. Some danger was feared from bunching and wholesaling the work in these beautiful degrees.

The time of the Grand Representatives, near sister Grand Chapters having expired, a full corps was announced.

VISITORS.

An invitation was extended to all Companions from other jurisdictions, from Iowa, and particularly from Dubuque, to seats in the Grand Chapter.

P. G. H. P. Enoch Strother, of Nevada, was introduced and received by the Grand High Priest. He is, by the death of the Grand Master of his jurisdiction, the Acting Grand Master of Nevada. He responded to the welcome in a short speech.

The Grand Treasurer read his report:

Total receipts	$12,916.76
Total expenditures	6,457.31

The Grand Secretary read his report. At the date of going to press (of the report) every Chapter in the jurisdiction had made returns and paid their dues. The reports show a total membership of 7,046 Companions, a net gain of 109.

P. G. H. P., T. R. Ercanbrack presented his annual report on Correspondence. It is a document one will read to the end with pleasure. We shall quote from it on the subject of the Council degrees in that department this month.

The reports thus far presented were distributed in printed form.

Various petitions for re-instatement and amendments to By-Laws were presented and referred.

P. G. H. P. Cogswell reported on.

After much discussion, the passing and reconsideration of several votes, the questions at issue between Maquoketa and Dubuque Chapters was settled by Dubuque paying the fees for one exaltation to Maquoketa.

The committee on Grand High Priests' address and the reports of Grand Treasurer and Secretary reported approval of address throughout and correctness in financial reports.

GRAND OFFICERS.

The election was held on Thursday afternoon and resulted in the choice of those whose names head this department.

A petition was presented from Marion Chapter No. 10 for aid for a Companion's widow and two small children in need of help. One hundred and fifty dollars was ordered for her use, to be administered by the High Priest of No. 10.

From the report on chartered Chapters it was found that No. 63 had paid G. C. dues for some time upon a person who was not a Companion. Two dollars and fifty cents was ordered credited to their account against future dues.

Mileage and per diem was ordered paid to the representatives of Chapters U. D.

The selection of the place stirred up quite a little breeze, but in the poll Marion got left with Davenport and Templar Park, and Marshalltown secured the Convocation of 1896, to be held on the third Thursday (15) of October.

A letter of regret at his enforced absence was read from P. G. H. P., T. S. Parvin, L. L. D., who is in Washington attending the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite.

A two days school under direction of the Grand Custodians for Tuesday and Wednesday preceding Grand Chapter will be held next year.

The matter of the invasion of territory by Dubuque against Maquoketa was adjusted by Dubuque paying the fees to Maquoketa.

The Grand Chapter charity fund shows the sum of $8,298.79 to be the present amount, including investments and cash on hand.

Ninety-six Chapters were represented; $1,746.68 was the amount of mileage and per diem paid out.

The Complaint of Kingsley against Cherokee was referred to the next annual Convocation.

A proposition was submitted to amend the present law on dues and delinquents and adopt the law as now in force in the Grand Lodge of Iowa. It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for the coming year.

The following petitions for reinstatement, having complied with the regulations, were favorably acted upon: W. F. McCormack, No. 25; E. E. Parker, No. 52; W. A. Leary, No. 16; Samuel Denton, No. 85; L. M. Reiter, No. 100.

The proposition to create a committee on the Bestowal of Charity was referred to the incoming Committee on Jurisprudence.

At the installation of the Grand Officers P. G. H. P. Wilberham acted as installing officer, and P. G. H. P. Cogswell acted as Grand Marshal.

A resolution of thanks to Dubuque Chapter No. 3 was passed by a unanimous rising vote.

The reports of the Grand Representatives were ordered to be filed with the Grand Secretary. The roll was called and the following jurisdictions responded: Alabama, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Indian Territory, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New South Wales, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Quebec, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont.

Companion T. R. Ercanbrack was appointed Chairman on Correspondence and Companion Wilberham as a Trustee of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Chapter was closed at high noon, Friday, October 18.

The Companions were handsomely entertained while in Dubuque and were profuse in their expressions of appreciation for the pleasures provided by these Royal Arch Masons of the borders of dear Iowa.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. B. LACY	Council Bluffs.	GRAND COMMANDER
T. R. Ercanbrack	Anamosa.	Deputy Commander
F. H. Loring	Oskaloosa.	Grand Generalissimo
Geo. W. Bever	Cedar Rapids.	Grand Captain General
John W. Geiger	Marion.	Grand Prelate
J. H. Pettibone	Burlington.	Grand Senior Warden
D. M. Brownlee	Sioux City.	Grand Junior Warden
E. B. Shaw	West Union.	Grand Treasurer
Alf. Wingate	Des Moines	Grand Recorder
F. E. Fuller	Jefferson.	Grand Standard Bearer
Alex. Peddie	Emmettsburg.	Grand Sword Bearer
W. W. Straight	Atlantic.	Grand Warder
Theodore Shreiner	Mt. Pleasant.	Grand Sentinel

THE COUNCILS.

We desire in this department to give such information as we may be able from time to time, of work in the 'Cryptic Degrees." We have room here for the discussion of the present manner of working these degrees in connection with the Chapters, and whether or not we should affiliate with the General Grand Council.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, 1894.

Through the courtesy of Companion Henry W. Mordhurst, General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, this committee is in possession of the proceedings of that body, dated August 21st, A. Dep. 2894, A. D. 1894. We will volunteer to set forth the salient portions of the contents of this goodly volume, that our Iowa Companions may ponder over this thought: Should separate Councils be maintained in Iowa?

There are twenty Grand Councils constituent to the General Grand Council. namely: Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee and Vermont. The General Grand Council seems to recognize eleven other Grand Councils in our own country—Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Wisconsin; and three foreign Grand Councils—Canada, England and Wales, and New Brunswick. Therefore there now exists thirty-four Grand Councils in the world. The General Grand Council holds jurisdiction over twenty-three Councils, of which one is in the District of Columbia, three in Indian Territory, one in New Mexico, two in North Dakota, six in Washington, one in South Dakota, seven in Colorado, one in Utah and one in Arizona. Therefore in forty political divisions of the United States Cryptic Masonry exists as a distinct institution, but in ten it has no visible separate habitation—Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nevada, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.—*T. R. Ercanbrack, G. C. Cir. 1895.*

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. JENNIE RULE	Mason City.	GRAND MATRON
E B. DYKE	Charles City.	GRAND PATRON
Mrs. M. B. Rathbun	Clinton.	Associate Matron
Jno. W. Geiger	Marion.	Associate Patron
Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs	Grand Secretary
Mrs. E. L. Houghton	Red Oak.	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Delia Meredith	Newton.	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Adamson	Le Mars.	Associate Grand Conductress

APPOINTED.

MRS. BADER	Clinton.	GRAND CHAPLAIN
Mrs. Luella Usry	Des Moines	Adah
Mrs. G. F. Claycomb	Farragut.	Ruth
Miss Nellie Harris	New Hampton.	Esther
Mrs. Alice Randall	Algona.	Martha
Mrs. Stone	Columbia	Electa
Mrs. Kate D. Allin	Iowa City.	Warder
Theodore Shreiner	Mt. Pleasant.	Sentinel

GRAND CHAPTER.

OCTOBER 23, 1895.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Iowa was opened in form this morning.

An address of welcome was delivered by Brother Moore and the response was by P. G. Patron Judge Winslow, of Newton.

At the afternoon session, the committee on credentials not being ready to report, the Grand Patron read his address.

The Grand Matron read her address. This is the eighteenth annual gathering of this grand body. The roll of the dead was read by the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary read her report, showing as well as the address of the Grand Matron that the year past has been one of substantial prosperity. Nineteen new Chapters were instituted; there are 131 chartered chapters; there are now 7,500 members in the state.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed $4,035.90 received and $2,098.45 expended.

Mrs. Meredeth, committee on correspondence, presented her report, which was ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Chapters under dispensation were all granted charters and those officers present were installed on the second day.

The committee on ceremony for the opening and closing of the Grand Chapter reported a very beautiful form, but after being made a special order and discussed it was decided to use the regular form as it is given for Subordinate Chapters in the ritual, substituting the proper titles, of course.

Mrs. Johnson, Grand Matron of Minnesota, was introduced and accorded the Grand honors.

Mrs. Loraine J. Pitkin, General Grand Secretary of the United States, was also presented and properly saluted.

The election of officers took place. Brothers Jackson and Geiger, with Sisters Bader and Brechner, were appointed tellers.

The list of officers is given at the head of this department.

The Chapter at Strawberry Point having lost their charter, a duplicate was ordered to be issued.

Various amendments were reported.

Article 6, Section 2, was amended so that special meetings may be called by "the first five elective officers," instead of "any three."

Article 12, Section 3, now reads that Grand Chapter dues for every member carried on the rolls "any time during the year," and provided that no dues shall be charged against any Chapter for a member who has paid Grand Chapter dues for the same year in another Chapter of this jurisdiction.

Article 13, Section 1, makes the annual returns include the names of the officers for the "year for which report is given," instead of the "ensuing year."

Article 14, Section 2, now allows "mileage to the chairmen of standing committees," the same as to representatives of Chapters.

Under By-Laws for Subordinate Chapters, Section 3, now makes installation of officers elect to be on or before the next regular meeting following election.

Section 6 strikes out as among those indispensible to open a Subordinate Chapter "or a past officer of that grade," viz.: one of the first three elective.

Section 12 adds at its close: "Any member who shall report outside the order the name of a rejected candidate as such, shall be subject to the penalty of 1, Reprimand or censure; 2, Suspension for a definite or indefinite time: 3, Expulsion; and any member who shall tell the business transactions of a Chapter outside of a Chapter room, to a person not belonging to the order shall be subject to the same penalty; and that no one may plead ignorance of this provision, it shall be stated to the Chapter by the Matron immediately after each rejection; also any member speaking disrespectfully of the Order, slandering or wronging any of its members, shall be subject to the same discipline.

Section 20 adds that residents within the jurisdiction cannot take the degrees in a Subordinate Chapter outside the jurisdiction "without the written consent of a two-thirds vote of the members present of the Chapter having jurisdiction."

Section 21 makes the minimum number who may petition for a dispensation "fifteen," instead of seven.

Section 22 strikes out the right of a demitted member to visit after one year who has

applied for admission and been rejected. The same rule previously applied and still holds as to demitted members visiting.

Under Rules of Order in Section 5, makes the appointment of the Standing Committees to read as follows: "Who shall be appointed before the close of the session; the other appointments shall be made at least sixty days before the next session of the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Secretary being duly notified of the same, shall publish the names of the chairmen of the various committees to the Subordinate Chapters at the time the regular notices in regard to the coming session of the Grand Chapter are served on them." The following words were struck out: "These appointments to be made by the newly-elected and installed Grand officers, immediately preceding the close of the Grand Chapter."

The city of Clinton was chosen as the place of meeting for next year.

T. R. Ercanbrack, L. B. Raymond and Mrs. Alma Hinkle were appointed a committee on charity.

Brothers Moore, Rule and Springer were appointed a committee on the Engle matter.

The Grand officers were installed, Mrs. Pitkin, of Illinois, acting as installing officer and Mrs. Johnson, of Minnesota, as Grand Marshal.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the destinguished visitors for their beautiful exemplification of the installation ceremonies.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Hilliard, of Marion, and Mrs. Sue Bader, of Clinton, for their splendid musical and elocutionary renditions.

One thousand copies of the proceedings were ordered printed.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

The local Chapter of Charles City did nobly in entertaining the visitors, and we are told that the opera party tendered the first night (in Faust) was a splendid success.

STARBEAMS.

No Grand or Subordinate Chapter can long survive the blasting effect of "rings" and "cliques." Keep them out.

The ritual is only beautiful when fully and carefully committed by each and every officer.

It was a wise move to retain the form of Subordinate chapter rituals for the opening and closing of the (Iowa) Grand Chapter, though the proposed form was very beautiful.

We believe that the Deputy system is one of the best features of the Iowa Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Matron should be saved the necessity of traveling and working as much as she has heretofore been compelled to do.

It will be a forward movement for the Grand Chapter in requesting the omission of the banquet at the annual sessions. It is a needless burden upon the entertaining Chapter. None of the other Grand Masonic bodies practice it.

It may have been innocently put when a delegate complained that this journal gave more space to some other bodies than to the Eastern Star; but the other bodies take interest enough to send us the news and they support the enterprise. That's the point worth remembering.

Brother Ercanbrack gave utterance to a beautiful thought in the Grand Chapter when he said he had rather be remembered in connection with the charitable work of the Order than any other department.

The good work of the order must become apparent to any careful observer when they notice the improvement in taste and expression that follows careful learning of the work and regular attendance at the meetings of the chapter.

NEW FEZES.

The Recorder is ordering a new supply of imported fezes, and Nobles in need of one should order at once.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS.

The local Chapter at Davenport gave a card party and musicale at their rooms in the Masonic Temple, October 14th. A fine musical programme was rendered, Mrs. Charles Eugene Banks recited the "Hawaiian Love Song," written by her husband. Among the participants in the programme were Mrs. Strahl, Mrs. Lillian Reid-Cameron and Robert Osborn.

Marion 183, elected officers October 28, and is under full sail for prosperity. The officers who served U. D. were elected with but two exceptions, secretary and treasurer (previously held by men). Mrs. Joss was chosen treasurer and Miss Edna Bell as secretary.

Cedar 184, elected all of the officers who served U. D. for the balance of the term. They have been working right along. The policy of the "heavenly twins" is "not numbers, but permanency."

MEMBERSHIP.

Master Masons in good standing in a Masonic Lodge, and their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters, who have attained the age of eighteen years are eligible to membership in this Order.—General Regulations.

LODGE OF SORROW.

If there be anywhere in Iowa a place where this beautiful memorial ritual for the dead is more ably exemplified than in Davenport, we have never heard of it. Annually the three Lodges, 37, 208 and 221, unite to honor their sleeping brothers, and as is their wont, this service was held October 15, 1895. The following brothers have died:

Davenport Lodge 37—M. C. Siverly, January 7; W. H. Pape, February 19; T. V. Blackmore, March 12, 1895.

Trinity Lodge 208—William O. Kulp, January 12; George H. Kelley, March 26, and W. C. Warriner, October 9, 1895.

Fraternal Lodge 221—Louis Field, January 20; John C. Markle, August 12, 1895.

The address on the above occasion was delivered by Grand Master Ball. From a personal reading of it in the columns of the daily papers of Davenport we can say it was an eloquent tribute to Freemasonry. Our thanks are due to Brother R. R. Henderson for kindness in furnishing us the information of the above service.

A. A. S. R.

The Supreme Council of the Southern jurisdiction held their annual meeting in Washington, D. C., October 21, 1895. Thomas H. Caswell, 33°, was elected Grand Commander.

The Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Columbus, Ohio, have announced a reunion and work meeting for November 14 and 15, 1895. A fine picture of their future home embellishes the front page of the notice.

A reunion of the Grand Rapids bodies of the Rite was held on October 16 and 17, 1895. Thanks to Charles Ellsworth Fink, 32°, for the notice.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of El-Kahir occurs this year on Wednesday, December 11, 1895.

This is always a great event, and this year is no exception. An effort will be made to get rates on the railways and a committee on transportation will attend to this matter. The meetings and all other features of the day will be held in the large C. S. P. S. hall, down Third street, in the city of Cedar Rapids. Petitions for membership should reach the Recorder before the day of the meeting, though mercy will be extended till the daylight gives out.

...The FEZ....

Devoted to the Interests of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in North America.

THEODORE SCHREINER,
GRAND TYLER OF IOWA MASONIC BODIES.

THE FEZ.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 1896.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) Dec. 11, 1895.
Perry, Oct. 22, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1895-6.

CHAS L. FIELD.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
San Francisco, Cal.
J. T. Brush.....Imperial Deputy Potentate
Indianapolis, Indiana
Harrison Dingman.....Imperial Chief Rabban
Washington, D. C.
Ed. R. Harris.....Imperial Assistant Rabban
Detroit, Michigan.
A. B. McGaffey.....Imperial High Priest
Denver, Colo.
Ethelbert F. Allen.....Imperial Oriental Guide
Kansas City, Missouri.
William S. Brown.....Imperial Treasurer
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
BENJAMIN W. ROWELL.....IMPERIAL RECORDER
Boston, Massachusetts.
Wm. H. S. Wright.....Imperial I Ceremonial Master
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Thomas J. Bishop.....Imperial II Ceremonial Master
Albany, New York.
R. M. Johnson.....Imperial Marshal
Chicago, Ill.
John H. Atwood.....Imperial Captain of Guard
Leavenworth, Kansas.
Horace K. Blanchard.....Imperial Outer Guard
Providence, Rhode Island.

Members ad Vitam:

1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

El-Jebel, Denver, held their regular session November 11.

Rajah, Reading, Pa., celebrated in their usual style November 13.

Moolah, St. Louis, had out a call for Nov. 13, for business and ceremony.

Kismet, Brooklyn, N. Y., held a meeting at Aura Grata Cathedral, Oct. 30. The usual entertainment and "spread" was on in full blast.

Syria, Pittsburgh, Pa., filled the New Turner Hall, on Oct. 22, with mirth and music. The Monongahela flowed peacefully on that night.

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kan., presented a call for Nov. 15th, with a good portrait of Potentate Atwood, on the front page. Rah, Rah, Abdallah!

Lu Lu, Philadelphia, Pa., announces for Nov. 6, a "Wonderful Celebration." The winged camel bears Recorder Cary aloft with his book of dues in sight.

Aladdin, Columbus, presents a novelty, a notice for November 22, enclosed in six envelopes, each bearing the date of one of the preceding days with useful instruction.

Media, Watertown, N. Y., held one of the most successful meetings of their history on Oct. 22. A large class of "Neophytes" were enlightened, and now know it all.

Tebala, Rockford, Ill., celebrated their first anniversary on Nov. 13. A poem as long as the Declaration of Independence accompanies the beautiful notice for the meeting.

Rameses, Toronto, Canada, holds a session Nov. 19. A supplementary notice is announced to follow the first one just at hand. Our Canadian Nobles are a royal company.

Moila, St. Joseph, Mo., held a meeting on Oct. 23 in the Masonic Temple and announces a ceremonial session for November. Every Noble is urged to get a "hump on his back" for this occasion.

Mohammed, Peoria, Ill., comes out with the youngest Shriner on earth—riding his own "espress" and boldly saying, "I make the world move on." A side note whispers that the sweet baby is the son of Noble J. B. Moore, ye genial host of the National Hotel, Peoria. The notice is on our 45th birthday, Nov. 7, 1895. Maybe we'll be there, boys! The smiling countenance of Recorder Wallace comes to us on his personal card. Thanks.

PALESTINE, Providence, R. I., held a meeting Oct. 28, at Music Hall. The collation was served at the Freemason's Hall. The ever growing difficulty of "dues" vexes the New Englanders just as it does the Western Temples.

KORA, Lewiston, Me., occupies Lyceum Hall Nov. 14. Recorder Bearce is the first to send us a postal card in advance of his notice. The chief puller has roped in a number of "poor noviates," and seems to have the "pull" on them.

KAABA, Davenport, being near the doors of this goodly temple on Nov. 12. We tarried and ate of their salt. Twelve candidates joined in the journey and things look prosperous generally. Whispers of visits to Newton, Creston and etc., were heard.

EL KAHIR, Cedar Rapids, has long since passed the twelve hundredth number of nobles created—but by death and removal, the net number reported to the Imperial Council was only 1158. By the additions at Eldora and Perry the number is advanced to 1197.

INDIA, Oklahoma City, O. T., announces a gathering of the tribes on Nov. 14. No distinction between "sooner and later." They also say that "all Nobles and candidates are cordially invited. None others are expected." Sooners must keep out when India is "at home."

MECCA, N. Y., the Mother Temple celebrated Oct. 31, at Scottish Rite Hall. Forewarning was served in the notice for this meeting that the First Shrine Family Theatre Party would be held Monday, Nov. 4. Wish we could have been there. We thank Recorder Ellison for the neat and sensible Roster he puts out for Mecca Temple.

BOUMI, Baltimore, Md., held forth in Hazazer's Hall on Oct. 31. The Boumi Owl is thus praised:

"There is only one *bird* in the world for me,
Only one *bird* has my sympathy,
Its not so very pretty, but it stays out late. you see,
There's only one *bird* and that is the Boumi."

Notice is served that this is the last chance until January 29, 1896, for the unenlightened.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly; we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to itme.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following :

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
S. C. Osborn,	Barge Office, N. Y. City.
J. L. I. Van Vliet,	Dubuque, Ia.
*George Mull,	Farmland, Ind.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
H. W. Flower,	Minneapolis, Minn.
Edward N. Pickering,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Wm. L. Moore,	Iowa Falls, Ia.
Abner Graves,	Chicago, Ill.
G. S. Lister,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Dedrick Van Aken,	Bridgeport, Conn.

[*Has been seeking aid among the Temples but fails to communicate with the Recorder. Other Temples please report him if discovered.]

TO BE ENFORCED.

By order of the Temple voted at the Perry meeting, October 21, 1895, the Recorder is required to insist upon all candidates complying with the By-Laws on the subject of the fee ($25.00) accompanying the application for the degrees.

GOING TO SAC CITY.

El-Kahir has business coming in from all around just now. Under the leadership of the energetic Noble Phil Schaller, of Sac City, our Camels are now being groomed to cross the desert to that Oasis, on November 21. A guarantee of thirty candidates has been given and the prospects are that there will be forty or fifty.

JEWELS.

The Recorder has made arrangements to to have button-hole jewels on hand at all meetings for sale, and Nobles can rest assured that they will be the best. Mail orders filled at $1.00.

DUES ARE DUE.

Nobles of El-Kahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, and but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Annual Meeting to pay dues. It is impossible to issue passports at meetings as the official seal must be attached, and those who want them can do better to remit direct. Passports are issued to all Nobles paying to December, 1895, or beyond.

TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a PASSPORT to all her nobles who are in good standing—*good to the 31st of December following the one to which dues are paid.* We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

THE PERRY MEETING.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, was a gala day in Perry, Iowa. We knew it would be. The boys out there know a thing or two, and they showed it this time. No place has ever excelled them in true, old-fashioned hospitality. The town was ours. Mayor Breed said so, and what he says, goes! To describe it at length would exceed our entire space.

Parade, hall and office arrangements, hotels and banquet all went into one complete round of true Arab pleasure.

At the business meeting twenty-six applications were presented, twenty-three of whom were present and got it.

The little daughter of Noble F. L. Morgan had died Oct. 20, and her funeral was held but the day before our meeting. All sympathized with our well-known friend and suitable resolutions of condolence were adopted and published.

The official badge of the day was a unique affair, scimitar, crescent and a mule's head pendant. On the crescent were the words, "I've got it."

The music by the Light Infantry Band and the Mandolin Club gave entire satisfaction. The local committee deserves praise for their untiring efforts to make things pleasant. The following is the

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

Wm. Arthur Hand	Des Moines
H. Clay Ewers	Bagley
Chas. Wheeler	Ft. Dodge
Nath. Taylor Guernsey	Des Moines
Isaac Lang	Des Moines
John G. Runyon	Perry
Jas. Franklin Wood	Guthrie Center
M. Ammerman	Perry
M. F. Peterson	Des Moines
Wm. W. Allen	Colfax
Henry H. Davis	Perry
John H. Fultz	Perry
J. J. Brown	Perry
Frank Dodson	Perry
A. C. Hagensick	Elkader
H. B. Brown	Perry
Chas. A. Laurance	Cedar Rapids
R. H. Emerson	Ft. Dodge
Chas. H. Bowman	Perry
Jas. Storer	Perry
Lambert E. Marks	Cedar Rapids
Oscar F. Woods	Perry
J. H. Kern	Des Moines

At the banquet Noble F. W. Craig was toast master and ordered the herald to

"Proclaim the laws of festal rite,
I'm monarch of the board tonight;
And all around shall brim as high,
And quaff the tide as deep as I."

Illustrious Potentate Brown, after cordially thanking the Nobles of Perry for their great hospitality presented Noble F. W. Craig, of Des Moines, as toast-master. Edmund Nichols was first introduced, and in welcoming the visiting Nobles, made one of the grandest and most eloquent talks ever listened to on a similar occasion. Several of the visiting Nobles responded and all of them were profuse in their praise of the magnificent treatment accorded them. The address of Sir Noble Geiger was particulary pointed and eloquent, as all his talks are.

From *aqua pura* they all drew the inspiration for their words and feelings. Their feast was rich, their toasts were fine, and when the hours of dawn were here, the noble Arabs had, some of them, not long felt the embrace of Morpheus, while others had begun their homeward journey across the desert. With a happy "God speed," each one wished for the other that all their

"Nights be filled with music,
That the cares that infest the day,
Might fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away."

—*Perry Paper.*

THE MOORISH NOBLES.

It is, we think, quite generally known that the block Shriners have been holding their "Grand Council," in Washington, D. C. We notice by the daily press that they elected officers on October 18, last, as follows:

John. G. Jones, Chicago, Grand Potentate; James H. Lewis, New York, Deputy Grand Potentate; R. J. Fletcher, Sacramento, Cal., Chief Rabban; Robert H. Huchless, New York, Assistant Grand Rabban; W. R. Morris, Minneapolis, Minn., Grand High Priest and Prophet. W. W. Madden, Baltimore, Oriental Guide; W. T. Floyd, Indianapolis, Ind., Grand Treasurer; D. F. Senlee, Washington, Grand Corresponding Recorder; Thomas W. Logan, Kansas City, Mo., Grand Recorder; B. M. Shook, Cleveland, Ohio, Grand Curator; Spencer H. Gilmore, Providence, Grand Prelate; Josiah F. Scott, Chatham, Ont., Grand Marshal. Other persons elected to minor offices were as follows: C. J. Clark, San Francisco, Cal; M. L. Hunter, New York; E. A. Williams, New Orleans; S. S. Scott, Pueblo, Colo.; Thomas T. Nohammit, Omaha, Neb.; William D. Douglass, Plainfield, N. J.; Arthur Thompson, Baltimore; J. D. Scott, Fort Worth, Texas, and John Coleman, Water Valley, Miss.

GRAND RAPIDS AGLOW.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 18.—Special Telegram.—The Nobles of Medinah Temple, Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine of the Oasis of Chicago, cut a wide swath among the vines and fig trees of the Grand Rapids Oasis today. This was Mystic Shrine day, the close of the Masonic doings of the week, and the city was more gorgeously decorated than ever with the flags, banners, and emblems of the order. Medinah Temple came 700 strong with the Great Western Band in a special train of twelve coaches, and arrived at 12:30 o'clock. An hour later Moslem Temple of Detroit, 200 strong, with a band, arrived. Both were escorted by Saladin Temple, to the new mosque. At 2 o'clock occurred the parade. In the first division was Saladin Temple, 1,000 strong. Moslem Temple formed the second division and Medinah the third. Potentate Drake, of Medinah, was in full Arabic costume, and rode in an open carriage with Miss Maud Johnson, of Chicago, by his side. The Nobles made a handsome appearance, and were frequently applauded. Instead of going to the new Masonic Temple for the subsequent proceedings, the caravan went to Lockerby Hall, which has a greater capacity. The visitors were welcomed to the oasis by Potentate Lou B. Winsor, who appeared badly crippled on crutches, and with his arm in a sling. The horse he rode in the parade, a high-spirited sorrel stallion, reared near the end of the march, and fell backward. Wisner was caught in the wreck, and seriously injured, but was able to pull himself together sufficiently to preside. The festivities opened at 4 o'clock, and will be kept up until far in the night, with a class of about 100 candidates to work on.—*Chicago Paper.*

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Invariably the criticisms passed upon the nobility, grows out of the impressions made upon the mind of the individual by another or more individuals who as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine have acted in a manner to create remark. Any act that savors of drunken rowdyism we condemn with all our might and so, do we believe, does every thoughtful, active worker in the order. But, even with the voices of criticism still fresh in our ears, we have a few things that we believe are true, to say about the order in this relation.

First, the Order cannot be held responsible for the conduct of individual members, nor can a Temple help what one of its Nobles does amiss.

Second, Granting for argument sake, that all the things happened that are so fluently flaunted to the breezes through the Masonic press, we do not believe it to be the prevailing practice, nor do we believe that any considerable number of individual Nobles would so far forget themselves as to act in the manner the late M. W. Grand Matron O. E. S. represents in another journal.

Third, The Imperial Council and individuals in the Temples are constantly laboring for the improvement of the moral and social tone of the order and their works are bearing fruits. Every member of this order is bound to us by a covenant that cannot be broken, and those precedent ties should lead us to labor to restore such as may have fallen, or through mistaken ideas of its character have misused the privileges, instead of heralding the shame of the few at the expense of the many.

THE ORDER IN FOREIGN PARTS.

MEXICO.

From the Imperial Potentate's address to the Imperial Council (1895), we gather the information that efforts have been made during the past two years to organize a Temple in Mexico. The main difficulty in the case seems to be that there is only one Commandery in the Republic (City of Mexico), and that it requires five years to complete the Concestorial degrees. A deputy who visited the field lately reported in favor of admitting 18 degree members, but nothing was done at the Imperial Council about it.

ENGLAND.

An effort has been made to introduce the Order into England, but no definite action was taken in this case; but we shall not be surprised to see Temples of this Imperial jurisdiction instituted in many lands; then, a unification as originally intended, with all the world in the same manner as Masonry now stands.

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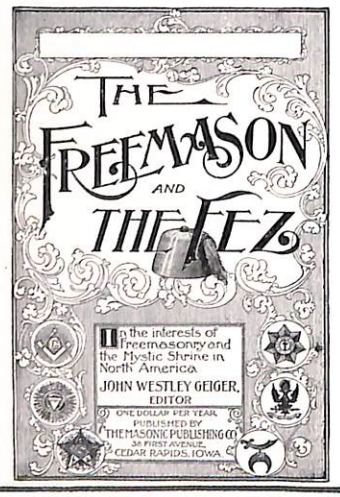

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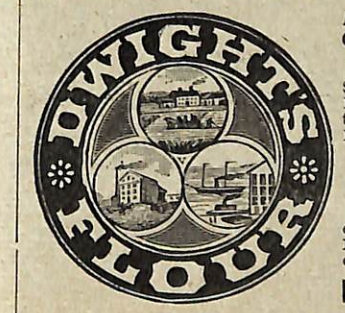

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